Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2023 @ 5:00pm

**Selectpersons Present:** Gary Wight, Virgil Conkright, Mandy Berry

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Rec. Sec.)

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Ted Baker, Heather Vail, David Bartlett, Carolyn Bennett, Rose Lincoln, Michael Lincoln

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

Tai Chi would like to use the Grange Hall again this fall. Selectman Conkright made a motion to allow Tai Chi to use the Grange Hall this fall. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Senior Players would like to use the Grange Hall for practices this fall. Selectman Conkright asked if they had liability insurance. Tabled until next meeting to find out if they have liability insurance.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Business Agenda:**

**~Choose Select Board Chair & Vice Chair~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to elect Gary Wight as Board Chair. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion.

Selectman Wight made a motion to elect Virgil Conkright as Vice Chair. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion.

**~Approval of Committee Appointments~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the annual appointments as read noting that Med-care would like an alternate. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. Selectman Wight volunteered to be the Med-care alternate.

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the committee reappointments. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote with Selectman Conkright abstaining from his own appointments. Currently the Appeals Board is vacant and 2 alternate seats are vacant on the Planning Board.

**~Sign RP & PP Tax Abatements already approved ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to sign abatements that were already approved. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Request to close office on July 26 for training ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to close the office on July 26 for staff to attend Municipal Law training. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Church has been listed with Sally Harkins & Co.~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to hold a special Select Board meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 5pm to review all offers made on the Church. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Joint Select Board meeting July 31 in Woodstock 5-7pm ~**

Planned joint Select Board meeting July 31 in Woodstock from 5-7pm. Will update if any changes.

Brooks Morton made a recommendation that the Sunday River School House be sold or donated to the Historical Society as the town’s track record for maintaining donated properties is poor. Selectman Conkright made a motion to take the recommendation under advisement and take it up at a later date. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion.

**Clerk Report:**

18 liens were placed on properties June 27 and we have received 3 payments so far.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See Report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Joelle signed up for FEMA Training in October in Alabama. Waiting to see if she is picked. Will be fully paid for by FEMA.

Going to work with Betsy on Personnel Policy/Bylaws

Looking into what other towns do regarding repeat fire alarms.

Audit has not come yet, hopefully next week.

Received school’s monthly payment schedule, $297,395 for K-12 including adult education.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

July 13, 2023, 5:00 pm at the Town Office

**Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.**

Minutes Approve by***:***

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Gary Wight Chairman

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Virgil Conkright

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Mandy Berry